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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

**ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE FOR A FUEL CELL, ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE
ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY FOR A FUEL CELL, AND A FUEL CELL**

which is:

an Original; or
a Continuation, Divisional, or Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior Application No. ___ filed ___.

Anticipated Group/Art Unit: ___ or Class ___, Subclass ___.

This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No.
___, filed ___.

Enclosed are:

- Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 32 pages.
- 39 sheets of drawings (formal).
- Application Data Sheet.
- Newly unexecuted Declaration (copy).
- Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
- Computer readable copy Paper Copy Verified Statement.
- Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
- Name of Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
- Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2003-099031 filed April 2, 2003 is
filed: herewith or in prior application ___.

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Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as an Independent Inventor, or a Small Business Concern, or a Non-Profit Organization.

Preliminary Amendment.

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A, and cited references.

Request for Nonpublication of Application Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)

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